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Chairman - Mr. T. C. Duke, J. P. -

Vice-Chairman - Mr. Fred Hounsell -

Mrs. M. E. Balfour	...	Mr. H. H. Lawford
Mr. A. J. Burch	...	Mr. W. W. Lovelace
Mr. W. J. Chick	...	Mr. M. J. V. Mearns
Mr. J. E. Cox	...	Mrs. R. H. Simonds
Mr. F. Guppy	...	Mr. G. H. Stephens
Rev. W. Hewitson	...	Mr. J. I. Studley
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REPORT FOR 1 9 2 5.

TO :-

The Chairman and Members of the DORCHESTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

"The Laurels"
Dorchester.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

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1. - GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area - (acres)	..	69,081
Population (census 1921)	..	8,809
" (estimated 1925)	..	8,808
Number of Inhabited Houses (1921)		2,010
" " Families or separate occupiers (no returns)		-
Rateable Value (on 1st April,1924)		£80,463.
Sum represented by a penny rate -		£335. 5. 3.

REPORT FOR 1925.

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2. - VITAL STATISTICS.

		Total.	Males.	Females.
BIRTHS.	Legitimate ..	131	58	73
	Illegitimate ..	9	6	3
DEATHS.	.. ..	90	45	45

Number of Women dying in, or in consequence of Childbirth:- from sepsis - Nil

" other causes 1

Deaths of Infants under One Year of Age - per 1,000 births .. 57.1

Deaths from Measles (all Ages) - Nil

" " Whooping Cough .. - Nil

" " Diarrhoea (under 2 yrs. of Age) - Nil

Birth-rate - 15.8

Death-rate - 10.2

CAUSES of DEATH in the DORCHESTER RURAL DISTRICT.

		M.	F.
Scarlet Fever	.. ..	-	1
Influenza	.. ..	1	-

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	M.	F.
Scarlet Fever	-	1
Influenza .. .. (bronch.)	-	-

4.

	M.	F.
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	5	3
Other tuberculous diseases ..	2	-
Cancer, malignant disease ..	3	6
Cerebral haemorrhage ..	5	7
Heart Disease	10	8
Arterio-Sclerosis	-	2
Bronchitis	2	2
Pneumonia (all forms) ..	1	3
Appendicitis	2	-
Accidents of pregnancy - other than puerperal sepsis ..	-	1
Congenital debility, malformation, etc.	3	3
Suicide	1	-
Other Deaths from Violence ..	1	1
" defined Diseases ..	9	8
ALL CAUSES -	45 -	45

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ALL CAUSES - 45 - 45

The amount of Poor Law Relief expended in this rural district during 1925 was £2540.

The extent to which the Dorset County Hospital is utilised may be seen from the following figures:-

	In-patients.	Out-patients.
Cases admitted during 1925 ..	600	632

A detailed summary is given under this head in the Annual Report for the Borough of Dorchester.

No conditions of occupation or environment appear to have been specially prejudicial to health.

In January Chicken-pox was prevalent among children at Charminster & Bradford Peverell: Measles at Winterborne Abbas: and Whooping Cough at West Knighton.
Mumps was prevalent in April at Bockhampton and in July at Charminster & Tolpuddle.
There was Whooping Cough at Monkton in October.

HOSPITALS PROVIDED or SUBSIDISED by the LOCAL AUTHORITY or by the COUNTY COUNCIL.

(1) TUBERCULOSIS. - The Nirvana Home, Parkstone, with 21 beds and Beckford Lodge, Warminster, with 25 beds take cases from this district. They are both provided by the Dorset County Council.

(2) MATERNITY. - The Committee of the Dorset County Hospital have agreed to take in 12 Maternity cases per annum commencing 1st Jan., 1922, for the sum of £112. 10. 0. - The cases are sent in on the recommendation of the County Medical Officer of Health.

(3) CHILDREN. - None - except the children's ward at the Dorset County Hospital.

(4) FEVER. - In May, 1921, arrangements were made with the Weymouth Corporation for admission and treatment of cases of Infectious Disease (other than Small-pox) in their Isolation Hospital at Radipole, near Weymouth.
It is hoped that in the near future arrangements will be completed whereby cases from this district will be admitted to the Borough Isolation Hospital at Dorchester.
Cases are moved there in a motor ambulance.

(5) SMALL-POX. - Arrangements have been concluded for the use of the Baiter Hospital, Poole, for the reception of Small-pox cases in this district.

OTHER (a) The Dorset County Hospital with 60 beds (supported by voluntary contributions and small fees from the patients) admits cases from this district.

(b) The Poor Law Institution Infirmary admits cases of poor people who are unable to be properly nursed at their homes. Both are situated within the borough of Dorchester.

INSTITUTIONAL PROVISION for UNMARRIED MOTHERS, etc.

None other than the Poor Law Infirmary or the Dorset County Hospital (under the above-named arrangements).

AMBULANCE FACILITIES:-

(a) For Infectious cases. The Weymouth Corporation provide a Motor Ambulance for removal of Infectious disease cases.

(b) For non-infectious and accident cases, the Dorset County Hospital provides a motor ambulance at the Hospital. There is also a motor ambulance provided by the St. John Ambulance Brigade, Dorchester Division that can be hired for a small fee.

CLINICS and TREATMENT CENTRES:- There is no Maternity and Child Welfare Centre in this District.

Children are taken in some cases to the Dorchester Centre. No Day Nursery or School Clinic is provided.

Cases for treatment of all forms of Tuberculosis attend the Dispensary at Weymouth.

A Venereal Diseases' Clinic (for Males and Females) is held twice weekly at the Dorset County Hospital and provided by the Dorset County Council. This is within easy reach of this district.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS of the LOCAL AUTHORITY.

(a) Whole-time Officers - None.

(b) Part-time Officers:-

C. D. Day, M.A., D.P.H., etc. Medical Officer of Health - M.O.H. Borough of Dorchester. -

M.O. Fordington District and P.O. Salary contribution is made under the Public Health Act. -

F. T. Maltby, Member Royal San. Inst., Sanitary Inspector. -

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No other Public appointment.

Salary contribution under the Public Health Act.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING in the HOME:- No nurses are provided by the County Council or Local Authority for this district. There are 5 district nurses who attend the poor in their homes.

MIDWIVES:- There is no employment of, or subsidy to, practising midwives, by the Public health authority. There are 8 midwives practising in the district:-

Miss Edwards, Constance,	"Fernside", Broadmayne, Dorset.
Mrs. Lane, Minnie Maria,	Winterborne Abbas, Dorchester.
Miss Surridge, Emma,	"The Firs", Dewlish, Dorchester.
Mrs. Stemp, Frances E.,	Kingston Park, Dorchester.
Miss Jones, E.A.,	Wrackleford, Dorchester.
Mrs. Dunn, Amelia Jane,	Bradford Peverell, Dorset.
Miss Carnell, Elsie,	Post Office, Puddletown.
Miss Porch, Frances A.,	Nurses' Cottage, Maiden Newton.

CHEMICAL WORK:-

The Sale of Food and Drugs' Acts are administered by the Police, and samples are analysed by the County Analyst.

The following is a Statement of the SAMPLES taken in THIS DISTRICT during the Year:-

SAMPLE.	NO.	IF ADULTERATED.
Butter ..	1	-
Camphorated Oil	1	-
Egg Substitute..	2	-
Plain Flour ..	1	-
Jam	2	(1) Yes.
Lard	2	-
Margarine ..	1	-
Marmalade ..	1	-
Milk ..	1	-
Mincemeat ..	1	-
Mustard ..	1	-

ADULTERATED SAMPLE.		ACTION TAKEN.
Jam	—	Vendor Cautioned.

LIST of ADOPTIVE ACTS, BYE-LAWS, and LOCAL REGULATIONS REFERRING to the PUBLIC HEALTH, IN FORCE in THIS DISTRICT:-

Bye-laws as to new buildings (with reference only to ventilation of, and space around, buildings) were sanctioned by the L.G.B. in 1899. -

The following Acts have been adopted:-

Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889 -

Infectious Disease (Prevention) Act, 1890

Public Health Acts, Amendment Act, 1890 -

Part 111 - and the following parts of the Public Health Acts, Amendment Act of 1907, viz:-

Part 111. - sections 34, 35 (modified), 36, 37, 45, 46, 49, and 50 - and

Part 1V. - sections 52 to 58, 59 (modified), - 60 to 66 and 68. -

MILK - (MOTHERS' and CHILDREN) Order, 1918. -

WATER The following villages are supplied by piped water:- Little Toller, Steepleton, Maiden Newton, Frome Vauchurch, Wynford Eagle and Longbredy. -

The remaining districts are supplied by shallow-type wells. The water is sufficient and good. The water from two wells was analysed and found unfit for consumption and the wells closed, pure water being obtained from another well. None of the water is liable to plumbo-solvent action.

RIVERS and STREAMS. No action has been taken with regard to pollution of rivers.

DRAINAGE and SEWERAGE. There are no drainage schemes in this district. The larger houses have a water carriage system leading to cesspools: the smaller houses have earth closets.

SCAVENGING is not undertaken by the Local Authority. There is no destructor for refuse.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

No. of Water-Closets	.. ..	352
" " conservancy system closets	(earth closets	1502
	(privies ..	88
No. converted during the year from privies to earth closets	..	nil

WORK of SANITARY INSPECTOR under Article XX. of the SANITARY INSPECTOR'S (OUTSIDE LONDON) ORDER, 1910 -

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S STATEMENT:-

No. of Inspections	..	70
" " Informal Notices	..	19
" complied with	..	17
" of Statutory Notices	..	nil
" complied with	..	nil

[illegible]

No action has been taken with regard to Poi-
[illegible]ing of rivers.

[illegible]

There are no drainage schemes in this district.
[illegible]
[illegible] are
too healthy to [illegible]: the smaller houses
[illegible].

[illegible]

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There is no destructor for refuse.

[illegible]

[illegible] of Water-Closets	..	[illegible]
" " [illegible] closets	(Private) ..	38
No. converted during the year from [illegible] to [illegible]	..	[illegible]

NOTE. [illegible] Sanitary Inspector [illegible]
[illegible] of the Sanitary Inspector's [illegible]
[illegible] LUCKOW) [illegible], 1920 -

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S [illegible] :-

[illegible]	..	[illegible]
[illegible]	..	[illegible]
[illegible]	..	[illegible]
[illegible]	..	[illegible]
[illegible]	..	[illegible]

SCHOOLS. Most of the schools are provided with sufficient bucket closets - a few have water closets connected with cesspools. Very few of the schools have a drinking water supply.

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS and WORKPLACES.

1. - INSPECTION of FACTORIES, etc. -

	Inspections.	Written Notices.	Prosecutions.
Factories ..	nil	nil	nil
Workshops & Work-places ..	26	nil	nil

2. DEFECTS found in FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS, and WORK-PLACES :- .. nil

OUTWORKERS:- None registered.

-: H O U S I N G :-

The general Housing Conditions remain almost stationary - there is still a shortage of cottages, although there has been a slight increase in the number of new houses

erected during the year.

OVERCROWDING:- is not so marked as in the urban district, although in many districts families are crowded owing to the shortage of houses.

The chief difficulty in dealing with unfit houses is that the rent paid is not sufficient for the owner to meet the expenses of the repairs, he would therefore prefer to close the houses rather than repair them, and usually there is not another house available for the tenant.

The main defects found in unfit houses are defective roofs, floors, and plaster to walls & ceilings; damp walls and general decay.

No representations have been made with regard to unhealthy areas. There are no bye-laws relating to houses let in lodgings, tents, vans or sheds.

HOUSING STATISTICS for the YEAR 1 9 2 5.

Number of New Houses erected during the year:-

(a) Total 17

(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts -

(i) by the local authority 6

(ii) " other bodies or persons -

1. Unfit Dwelling-houses -

Inspection - (1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts	70
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910, or the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925	132
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	Nil
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	Nil

2. REMEDY of DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE of FORMAL NOTICES:-

Number of dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	20

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS:-

A. Proceedings under Section 28, of the Housing, Town Planning, &c. Act, 1919 - and under Sec. 3, of the Housing Act, 1925 -

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit :-

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(a) by owners	None
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	None
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close	None

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts. -

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied:-	
(a) by owners ..	Nil
(b) by local authority in default of owners	Nil

C. Proceedings under Section 17 & 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c. Act, 1909 -

(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	Nil
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses having been rendered fit	Nil
(4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which demolition Orders were made	Nil
(5) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders	Nil

INSPECTION and SUPERVISION of FOOD:-

(a) MILK SUPPLY:- Milk is produced from 135 Cowsheds in this district and is largely brought to the Milk Factories direct or sent up the line from local stations to Bournemouth, London &c. Some is brought into Dorchester for retail daily and some is used for making goods (butter, cheese). -

There is room for much improvement in the premises and still more so in the methods of milking; milking overalls, and hands should be cleaner and especially the milking stools which are usually very foul. Those in charge of milking seem to have scarcely any knowledge of how to produce clean milk. -

There is no "certified" or "Grade A" Milk produced in this district.

(b) MEAT:- The Sanitary Inspector has been appointed Meat Inspector under the Public Health (Meat) Regulations 1924.

One carcase of a beast was condemned and destroyed during the year. Condemned meat is buried with lime. There is no destructor, and no public slaughter-house.

Slaughter-houses	In 1920:	In Jan. 1925:	In Dec.1925:
Registered ..	4	4	7
Licensed ..	-	-	-
TOTAL -	4	4	7

(c) OTHER FOODS:- There are five bakehouses, none of which are "underground bakehouses."

COMPARATIVE TABLE of INFECTIOUS DISEASES, notified during the PAST FIVE YEARS:-

	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Diphtheria	4	7	7	1	1
Enteric Fever	4	8	3	1	1
Erysipelas	-	1	1	1	2
Malaria - (non-indiginous)	-	-	1	1	2
Pneumonia - (acute primary)	-	3	-	4	6
Pneumonia - (Influenzal)	-	-	-	5	-
Scarlet Fever	8	5	7	21	14
Tuberculosis - (Respiratory)	17	14	17	16	15
Tuberculosis - (Other forms)	4	3	1	3	5

PREVALENCE OF, and CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES:-

INFECTIOUS DISEASES GENERALLY:

The foregoing Table shows the prevalence of Infectious Diseases during the previous five years.

In 1924, October to December, an epidemic of Scarlet Fever broke out in the Dorset Mental Hospital.

During the past year the chief event under this heading was an outbreak of Scarlet Fever, which was traced to a dairy, from which milk was distributed in the borough of Dorchester.

I examined the four milkers - (Father, two sons and daughter) - but all were in good health, nor did they admit that any illness had occurred in their family. -

But on careful examination of an infant in the dairyman's house, I found evidence of peeling on the feet, and in the village school I found two out of four more children of this family were also peeling with Scarlet Fever. -

There is no doubt that the daughter in attending to the younger children between the milking times, conveyed the infection to the milk supply. The supply was immediately stopped and all infected milk destroyed, the utensils boiled and a fresh batch of milkers put on to milk,

TABLE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Total Cases Notified.	Cases Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.	Under One Year.	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	25-	35-	45-	65-
Diphtheria	1	1	-	-				1								
Scarlet Fever	14	11	1	-					6	3		1	3	1		
Enteric Fever	1	X 1	-	-										1		
Malaria - (non-indigenous)	-	-	-	-												
Erysipelas	2	-	-	-											1	1
Pneumonia - Influenzal	-	-	-	-												
Pneumonia - acute - primary	6	-	1	-						1			1	1	2	1

X The Enteric Fever case was treated in the Dorset Mental Hospital in special isolation.

and other suitable precautions taken. The children were immediately removed to hospital.

DIPHTHERIA. Only one case was notified. This, a child of 4 years of age, was removed to hospital and made a complete recovery.

ENTERIC FEVER. One case occurred in the Dorset Mental Hospital.

ACUTE PRIMARY PNEUMONIA. Six cases were notified, all were treated at their homes. One case died. No case of Influenzal Pneumonia was notified.

Sputum from suspected cases of Tuberculosis is sent by practitioners to the Laboratory, King St., Poole, and expenses defrayed by the County Council as part of the Tuberculosis Scheme.

OTHER. Pathological and Bacteriological examinations have been carried out at the Laboratory, Old Library House, Dean Park Road, Bournemouth.

Medical practitioners send swabs from suspected Diphtheria cases the result is sent direct to them and a copy of the report is sent to me. Diphtheria antitoxin is provided by the Local Authority, and supplied by me

to the Medical practitioners as required.

There is no Disinfecting Station nearer than Weymouth. Cases of Infectious Disease which cannot be properly isolated at home are taken to the Radipole Isolation Hospital by motor ambulance. The rooms are immediately disinfected, or in cases where the patients are treated at home, after recovery.

There has been no case of Smallpox during the five years, and therefore no case of vaccination under the 1917 Regulations.

TUBERCULOSIS. In accordance with the 1924 Tuberculosis Regulations the register has been kept up to date by the erasion of cases that have left the district, died or recovered. On 31st Decr., 1925, there were residing in this rural district thirty-eight cases of respiratory Tuberculosis and fourteen cases of other forms thus:-

Pulmonary tuberculosis	- 15 males	-	23 females.
Other forms of tuberculosis	- 6 "	-	8 "

Total 52 cases - of these 20 reside in the Dorset Mental Hospital; the remainder are distributed in the following districts - thus:-

Broadmayne ..	1
Came	1
Charminster ..	2
Chilfrome	1
Dewlish	1
Frome Vauchurch ..	2
Little Bredy ..	2
Maiden Newton ..	1
Martinstown ..	1
Piddlehinton ..	3
Puddletown.. ..	11
Stinsford	1
Stratton	2
West Knighton ..	2
West Stafford ..	1

-: TUBERCULOSIS :-

	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
5-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
10-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
20-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
25-	2	2	1	-	2	2	-	-
35-	2	2	-	-	2	1	1	-
45-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
65 & upwards	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS.	9.	6.	4.	1.	5.	3.	2.	-

	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.
Total Births	159	151	142	132	140
" Deaths	94	101	98	114	90
Birth-rate	18.1	17.2	16.2	14.9	15.8
Death-rate	10.7	11.5	11.1	13.0	10.2
Infantile Mortality	50.3	66.2	77.4	45.4	57.1
Women dying in Childbirth	-	-	-	1	1
Deaths from Measles	-	-	1	-	-
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 yrs. of Age).	-	-	-	1	-
Deaths from Whooping Cough	2	1	2	-	-
No. of New Houses ..	6.	11	6	5	17

In reviewing the above Table of Statistics for the past Five Years, it will be seen that there is a marked fall in the birth-rate. The average for the first three years of the period being 17.1 and for the last three years only 15.6. The Death-rate remains about stationary.

An improvement is noticed in the number of New Houses.

The district as a whole has remained very free from infec-

[illegible]	1928.	1929.	1930.	[illegible]
Total births	[illegible]	140	142	120
" deaths	[illegible]	100	88	114
Birth-rate	17.1	17.4	18.8	24.0	18.4
Death-rate	14.7	12.4	11.6	14.8	16.2
Excess of births	[illegible]	[illegible]	77.4	45.4	[illegible]
Number dying in hospitals	-	-	-	1	[illegible]
Number dying in institutions	-	-	1	-	-
Number from other causes (over 1 year of age)	-	-	-	2	-
Number from other causes (under 1 year)	2	2	4	-	-
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

In reviewing the above Table of Statistics for the year 1930 [illegible], it will be seen that there is a marked fall in the birth rate. The average for the first three years of this period being 17.1 and for the last three years only 18.8. The death rate remains about stationary.

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The district as a whole has remained very free from infec-

tious diseases and generally healthy. -

There is still a shortage of houses in most districts.

I am, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

C. D. Day.